GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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SETTING UP OF COMMUNITY KITCHENS IN TAMIL NADU
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether oil marketing companies have set-up community kitchens in various parts of the country including Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of such community kitchens set-up during the last three years;

(c) whether it is proposed to set-up more such community kitchens in other parts of the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

(a) & (b): The "Vision 2015" adopted for LPG sector inter-alia focuses on extending the Common LPG Kitchen facility to all the villages in the country. The facility will be provided in Village Panchayats/Government hospitals who express willingness and also offer suitable covered shed for housing the facilities. The respective Panchayats/ Government hospitals will take care of the day to day operation of such kitchens including maintenance, collection of usage charges etc. OMCs provide the cooking facilities like cylinders, pressure regulators, single burners, connecting hoses etc. in a kitchen without collecting any security deposit/charges.

During the last three years, OMCs have set up 1445 community kitchens in the country including 49 in the State of Tamil Nadu.

(c) & (d): OMCs have funds to open about 13000 community kitchens in the country during the current financial year.